TOPICS OF THE DAY.

American Capital Beck of It. China's new railroad from Canton to Hankow, with its branches, will be 1,000 miles long. It will be built by American capital.

Ratio of College Mon.

In Germany one man in 213 goes to college, in Scotland one in 250, in the United States one in 2,000, and in England one in 5,000.

Minnesota the Great Wheat Country. Minnesota alone produces approximately about 80,000,000 bushels of wheat, or about one-thirty-seventh of the total production of the world.

For Cuban School-Teachers, A fund of \$50,000 has been raised in Boston to entertain for several weeks a large party of Cuban school teachers in that city. Cuba's debt to this country for disinterested friendship is still growing.

A Preacher's Conscience Money. Rev. George Shepherd, a Methodist elergyman of Deansboro, N. Y., has sent \$40 to a bank at Ilion to be kept until claimed by merchants from whom he purloined fruit when he was a small boy in that town. If there are no claimants in 30 days the money is to be given to the public

library. Who the Chinese "Boxers" Are.

The Chinese "boxers," whose outrages have set not only China but all Europe by the ears, correspond in principle, at least, somewhat closely, according to Rev. F. W. Royall, who has just returned from the "Flowery Kingdom," with the old know-nothing party in the United States. As war cry of the know-nothings was "America for Americans," so that of the "boxers" is "China for China-

New Power in the Commercial World. A new power has arisen in the world of commerce. Jonathan Ogden Armour, aged 35, is in control of the Armour millions and an army of 10,000 employes. This means the control of the enormous business of the firm. which reaches around the world and amounts to \$150,000,000 a year. The death of P. D. Armour, Jr., left the elder son the sole surviving representative of this generation of Ar-

Mrs. Gould's Sister a Plague Nurse When the plague scare struck San Francisco and the Chinese quarter was quarantined and shut off from the rest of the world there was still one white woman who went into the quarter each morning and came out again only when darkness had fallen over the city. The courageous woman was Miss Ella May Clemmons, sister of Mrs. Howard Gould, who for several months has been acting as a Catholic missionary to the Chinese.

In Business 80 Years. The oldest business man in Philadelphia is Frederick Fraley, who celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday a ings bank. When Mr. Fraley was a boy of 13 he assisted President Monroe to lay the corner-stone of an arse nal at Philadelphia. His eyesight of late has been failing, but otherwise his faculties are almost unimpaired.

America's Grand Old Woman. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe was born a day later than Queen Victoria and has long ranked as one of the world's grand old women. She celebrated her eighty-first birthday a few days ago in Boston, and a paper there says: Serene and sweet, this marvelous woman shows no burden of years; the calm, hopeful buoyancy of a youthful vigor that has made her such a power in the land is still hers, and she looks out upon the world's affairs with undimmed eyes and optimistic faith."

It Is a Much-Needed Training. One direction in which the colleges of the west excel the larger and more nfluential institutions of the east is in the training of their students in public speaking. In spite of a popular delusion to the contrary, there never was a time in the history of the country when the man who is able to think on his feet and to express his thoughts eloquently had as much inence as he has to-day. Sensational political developments, which are still esh in memory, are sufficient proof of this assertion.

Japan in a Bad Way. News from Japan presents a picture of economic conditions in the empire by no means encouraging. Japanese statesmen are facing a situation which is disagreeable. The standard of living has risen without a compensating dvance in wages. The workingmen and higher wages than the increases they already have received. They are not worth what they want to be paid, and if their demands are conceded Japan will not be able to pete in foreign markets by reason of cheapness in producing goods.

ent suits for divorce give evice of the growing independence of the American woman and the on her husband as conditions of tic peace. For instance, a Des His wife would have none of it. was not made a mason until he been divorced. Another exactwife in Kansas City secured a dipt on the family washday."

ills Audience 200 Miles Away. enator Depew has fulfilled one of ward Bellamy's prophetic visions of year 2000 by making a speech hone to an au miles away. It was at the din tation club in New it, and the senator spoke from shington, while 60 receivers were

IN GRAVE DANGER.

Great Anxiety Felt as to the Fate of Missionaries Near Pekin.

Methodist Mission Superintendents Report Massacro of Christians and Urge Prompt

London, June 12.-Extreme meas ures have been inaugurated by the foreign commanders in China for the purpose of suppressing the "boxers." The naval commanders of the Chris tian countries now at Taku, proceeding in concert, have taken steps to reopen the railway from Tien Tsin to Pekin by force of arms. Workmen are already repairing the road and a composite force of 1,500 men, drafted from the foreign squadrons in Chinese waters, are guarding the line. Ordnance and armored trains are in readiness with which this body will push on to Pekin when the road is repaired. Capt. McCalla and 100 American marines are in the body. It is expected that the crisis will come when the line is in readiness for use and the troops start forward in the ar-

Methodists in Danger. New York, June 12.—The following cable from Pekin was received Monday at the Methodist Episcopal board: Pekin, June 9.-Massacre native Christians. Situation foreigners critical. Press Washington."

This came direct from the missionary society at Pekin, of which Messrs. Davis and Gamewell are in charge A copy of the message was immediately sent to President McKinley. In repeating the cable message to the president Rev. A. B. Leonard, the missionary secretary, added the follow-"This means our people are in ing: great peril and greatly need such protection as our government can af-ford."

Mission at Tuny-Chow Burned. Berlin, June 12.—The German foreign office has received a dispatch from Pekin, dated Sunday afternoon, saying the American mission house at Tung-Chow, the river port of Pekin, had been burned by natives. The officials of the foreign office suppose this happened Saturday or Sunday morning.

More Marines for Kempff. Washington, June 12.-In sponse to an urgent cable message from Admiral Kempff at Taku the navy department cabled Admiral Remy at Manila to at once dispatch the Solace with 100 marines to Taku.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

It Will Deceare for Gold Standard, Pavor duction of War Taxes and Advise a Vigorous Foreign Policy.

Chicago, June 12,-A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Republican leaders have already turned their attention to the platform to be adopted at Philadelphia. As outlined, it will declare that the insurrection in the Philippines has been stamped out, excepting guerrilla warfare, and civil government is being established; congratulate Porto Rico on the establishment of a territorial government and Hawaii on annexation; commend McKinley's adfew days ago. He has been in active ministration as thoroughly American business 80 years and still goes to and prosperous; declare for gold the United States and the delegates ling, although they would give up their his office daily as president of a sav- standard; favor reduction of war are instructed to cast their votes for affirm Monroe doctrine; advise vigorous foreign policy and construction of Nicaraguan canal; condemn trusts and indorse legislation passed by the house; reaffirm protection and reciprocity policies, and declare Cuba will be given freedom as soon as safe.

WHEAT PRICES HIGHER.

July Delivery Sold at 74 Cents Monday in Chicago, the Highest Since October, When Boer War Began,

Chicago, June 12.-The price of wheat Monday was the highest since October when the Boer war began. The wheat pit on the floor of the board of trade was crowded with a mob of excited traders. Wheat for delivery to the purchaser in July sold at 74 cents, three cents higher than at the close of trading Saturday. On May 15, July wheat at the close of business sold at 66%. In the advance since that date there have been two factors of the greatest importance. The one first attracting attention was the injury to wheat in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and in parts of Illinois. In these states hessian fly ravages made the crop situation the worst in years. This distressing condition was far along when the lack of rain in the northwest began to attract attention, but it was not till Thursday that the seriousness of the situation was fully realized.

The Situation in Famine-Stricken India. London, June 12.-The viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, has cabled to the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, aunouncing that a good rain has fallen in southern India, that there have peen scattered showers elsewhere and that the meteorological reporter forecasts a good but late monsoon. The hot weather, however, still prevails and the famine relief situation has not altered. There are now 5,802,000 persons receiving relief.

Favor Anneging the Boer Republics. Columbus, O., June 12 .- The city hall was packed last night with an enthusiastic audience gathered to hear Messrs. Wessels and Fischer, the Boer peace envoys, present their side of the South African controversy. Former Mayor Black presided and Mayor Swartz welcomed the visitors. Resolutions favoring the annexation of the Boer republics to the United States were adopted. Mesurs, Wessels upon testimony showing that and Fischer leave to-day for Balti-msband refused to wash his face not on the family washday."

They sail June 19 for France.

Kenosha, Wis., June 18.—An at-tempt last night was made by un-known persons to wreck the Northknown persons to wreck the North-western passenger train due to arrive in this city at 9:32 p. in. by placing a large number of loose ties upon the track. A farmer boy, Charles Hawes, who lives nearby, watched three men pile the ties, but was unable to get close enough to identify them. When the men left liaws removed the ob-servation and he section with night

A. Walker, of Wisconsin, Elected Supreme Master Workman—Pauline Eu-nis, of Kansas, Supreme Chief of Honor.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 14.-The earlier sessions of the supreme lodge Ancient Order of United Workmen. now holding its twenty-eighth annual meeting in this city, was taken up principally with routine matters. The following officers were elected: Supreme master workman, William A. Walker, of Wisconsin; supreme foreman, A. C. Hardwick, of New York; supreme overseer, Webb Mc-McNall, of Kansas, supreme recorder, M. W. Sacket, of Pennsylvania; supreme receiver, John J. Acker, of New Work.

At a business meeting of the su ensuing year: Supreme chief of honor, Pauline Ennis, of Kan-sas; superior lady of honor, Ella H. Mantor, of Minnesota; superior chief of ceremonies, Louise M. Bush, of Washington; superior re corder, Elizabeth E. Aliburn, of Iowa; superior receiver, Emma S. Bedford, of New Hampshire; superior usher, Irene M. Raikes, of New York; su perior watch, Olive M. Bacon, of Col-

CHINESE ENTRENCHING.

They Will Oppose the Advance of the In ternational Column at Pekin — Guns Trained on the American Mission.

London, June 14.-The Chinese ar entrenching outside of Pekin to oppose the advance of the international column. A dispatch from Tien Tsin dated Tuesday, June 12, says: "I learn that the Chinese have gun trained on the American mission and the British legations. Two thousand Russian cavalry and infantry, with artillery, have landed at Taku."

The Shanghai correspondents re port that United States Minister Conger, by courier, asks for 2,000 United

States troops.

The question of provisioning the relief force is already difficult, and it is predicted at Shanghai that it will become acute.

The foreign office confirms the re port of an engagement between troops of the international column and the Boxers on Monday. It says that "about 35 Chinese were killed."

OHIO DEMOCRATS.

They Hold Their State Convention an Adopt a Pintform-What the Platform Contains.

Columbus, O., June 14.-The demo cratic state convention was called to order yesterday. Delegates to the national convention were elected and a platform adopted, a synopsis of which is as follows:

The Chicago platform is reaffirmed; a protest is made against the doc-trine that territory outside and in-dependent of the United States constitution can be governed by the president or congress, as the flag and constitution go together; the Porto Rican tariff bill is denounced; trusts and monopolies are opposed and the repeal of laws giving special privileges to any interest is demanded; the currency law is denounced; William J. Bryan is indorsed for president of

Is Tired of Wandering.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.-John E. Sullivan, formerly clerk of Marion county, who fled in 1889, under charge of embezzling \$80,000 of public money, returned to Indianapolis Wednesday afternoon. He came here from Green Castle, Ind. He says that after 11 years of wandering he wants to face his accusers. When Sullivan left he went direct to Canada, where he remained several years.

Masonic Home in Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 14.-The Masonic widows' and orphans' home of Texas, was formally dedicated by the grand lodge of masons, assisted by representatives from about 130 lodges. There is an endowment of about \$150,000, which, with a yearly contribution from the grand lodge. provides for the support.

Refuses to Honor the Requisition. Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.-Gov. Mount last night issued a statement declining to honor a requisition from Gov. Beckham, of Kentucky, for the return to that state of William S. Taylor, who is under indictment for complicity in an alleged plot which resulted in the assassination of Gov. Goebel.

Lieut, teett Doubly Blessed. Philadelphia, June 14.—Senator Scott, who is here attending to his duties as a member of the republican national committee sent a \$20,000 telegraphic draft to his son, Lieut. Scott, at San Francisco, where the young man, upon returning from volunteer service in the Philippines, was married Tuesday. The senator wired that he began life with 20 cents.

A Train Plunges Down an Enbankment Williamsport, Pa., June 14.—Six men were killed and another fatally injured on a logging railway at Cammal by the train jumping the track and plunging down an embankment.

Muncie, Ind., June 14.-The Midland steel works closed down at midnight last night for an indefinite period, with the notice posted "Or-ders Short." One thousand men are affected. It is an adjunct of the American Sheet Steel company.

A Presidential Appointment. Washington, June 14.-The president has appointed ex-Representative W. D. Bynum, of Indiana, a member of the commission to codify the criminal laws of the United States, vice D. B. Culberson, deceased.

An Insuce Man's Act.

South McAlester, I. T., June 14. Myron Clark, a dairyman near Hail-eyville, became suddenly insane, drove his children away, made his wife drink a dose of stryc over her with a revolver until she was dead.

ux City, In., June 14.—Ed Trotter, of Eingeley, won the interstate championship in the Soo Gun club shout yesterday. Trotter, Steele,

SUPREME LODGE A. O. U. W. BIG BRITISH LOSS.

Boers Capture Over 500 Men and Cut Roberts' Communication.

As Late as June 10 the Burghers Hold Strong Positions North of Kroonsta At Ficksburg 1,500 Boors Surrender to Brabant.

London, June 12.-Lieut. Gen. Si Frederick Forestier-Walker, in command of the lines of communication in South Africa, reports that in the disaster to the British troops June 7, at Roodeval, where the Boers cut Lord Roberts' line of communication the Fourth battalion of the Derbyshire regiment were all killed, wound perior lodge, Degree of Honor, the ed or made prisoners, except six enfollowing officers were elected for the listed men. Two officers and 15 men were killed and five officers and 72 men were wounded, many of them severely. The Boers returned the wounded to the British.

It is inferred that the Boers captured over 500 men and as late as June 10 held positions cutting off the British forces north of Kroonstad from reinforcements. A dispatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker says Gen. Methuen was fighting within ten miles of Heilbron June

Brabant tiete 1,500 Boers.

London, June 12 .- Fifty thousand British troops are within half a hundred miles of the marauding Boers north of Kroonstad and they are expected, of course, to make short work of them. Nevertheless, outside of the war office telegrams, no one knows what is going on. South of Kroonstad there is a wide gap. The railway is only partially defended and, as Gen. Kelly-Kenny has hurried all

shires is estimated at from 600 to 700 A Reuter dispatch from Maseru dated June 11, 8:35 p. m., says: "Fifteen hundred Boers surrendered to Gen. Brabant to-day in the Ficksburg district."

the available troops northward, the

assumption is that there is danger of

a second raid. The loss of the Derby-

American Nurses Slighted by Boer Womes London, June 12.-The American young women who are nursing in the hospital at Ladybrand have been slighted by the Boer women who are nursing the Boer sick in the same hospital and have been made the object of unpleasant remarks because the Americans are nursing the Eng-

Ventorsdorp, June 12 .- Two hun dred and fifty Boers have surrendered to Gen. Hunter and the remainder in this district have promised to give up their arms.

SENSATIONAL REPORT.

It Is Said That the Boer Envoys Will Ask President McKinley to Annex the South African Republics.

Omaha, Neb., June 12.-Peace En voy Wessels, in a confidential talk with one of the best known men of Omaha, said the Boers would make a proposal to the United States looking to annexation of the Dutch republics. The matter has been under serious consideration for weeks. It has been urged upon them that by so docome part of the greatest and freest republic on earth, and would be surto retain for themselves the greatest measure of civil liberty. Annexation of foreign countries has several pre cedents, notably that of Texas and recently that of Hawaii. In the case of Texas the proposition was once made and rejected and later accepted. In the case of Hawaii, after the treaty of annexation had been delayed the end was accomplished by legislative enactment, which requires merely a majority of both houses of congress. The attitude of President McKinley is still to be sounded, nor has the proposition been submitted formally to Secretary Hay, but there is no doubt it will be submitted this week. The fact that congress is no longer in session would leave the decisio entirely with the president and his

cabinet. Will Ask for Taylor's Extradition. Frankfort, Ky., June 12,-Sheriff Suter held a conference with Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin yesterday and afterward said that a requisition for the extradition of W. S. Taylor will be asked, but that he will be too busy to go to Indianapolis with the requisition for several days. Attorney General Taylor, of Indiana, who is here, does not believe Gov. Mount will honor the requisition.

Split in Territoriel Democratic Conventio Ardmore, I. T., June 12 .- The democratic territorial convention, which met here yesterday to elect six delegates to the national convention to indorse a national committeeman, hopelessly split. It was the result of a factional fight between A. J. Wol verton and Thomas Marcum, both candidates for national committee-

Ex-tiov. Peck Nominated for Congress Milwaukee, June 12 .- Former Gov George W. Peck was last night nom insted for congress by the democrats of the Fourth district.

& Clargyman Convicted of Manslaughter Richmond, Va., June 12 .- At Lawrenceville yesterday the jury in the case of Rev. J. E. Riddick, who killed Dr. W. H. Temple, brought in a verdict of manslaughter and fixed the punishment at three years in the penitentiary.

The Plague in South Australia. Adelaide, South Australia, June 12. A total of 23 deaths from the bubonic plague is officially reported from Rockhampton, Queensland. Two fresh cases are reported here, one of which has proved fatal.

Illinois Central Trackmon Strike Carbondale, III., June 12.—The trackmen employed on the St. Louis division of the Illinois Central railroad went out on a strike yesterday for higher wages. All the men along the line named from East St. Louis to night by Edward Canty. this city are involved. The strike is for 15 cents per hour.

Washington, June 12.—The agricul-ural department's total estimate of rea to cotton planted in 25,515,000

ROBERTS AND BOTHA MEET.

Which Neither Gained a Victory-Kitchener Defeats DeWet.

London, June 14 .- After a week's silence, Lord Roberts has been heard from, his line of communications having been practically restored by means of a complete victory gained by Gen. Methuen and Kitchener over Gen. De Wet at Rhenoster river. The Boer camp was captured and the burghers, it is added, were scattered in

all directions. Lord Roberts, on being notified of the cutting of his line of communications, sent Gen. Kitchener in all haste to join Gen. Methuen. June 11 Lord Roberts attacked Gen. Botha, who was in strong force 15 miles southeast of Pretoria. After strenuous opposition, the British forces gained considerable ground, but Gen. Botha, when Lord Roberts left the field, was still undefeated.

All is quiet in Pretoria and Johannesburg, and Lord Roberts says the government need have no apprehension about the security of the army in South Africa as it will not take long to remedy the reverses and repair the railroad.

IN FAVOR OF SAMPSON.

United States Court of Claims Say He Was the Superior Commander at Battle of Sautiago.

Washington, June 14.-The United States court of claims has passed upon the suit of Admiral W. T. Sampson and others under his command at Santiago for prize money on account of the destruction of the Spanish fleet. The court declares that Admiral Sampson was the commander-in-chief, and that Commodore Schley was the commanding officer of a division of squadron thereof, on duty under the orders of Admiral Sampson. The Spanish squadron is found by the court to have been inferior to the American force, and a bounty of \$100 therefore was awarded for every officer and man under Admiral Cervera's command. The total amount of bounty money allowed is \$166,700, of which Admiral Sampson will receive \$8,335, and Admiral Schley about \$3,000.

SINGLE-TAXER DEFEATED.

Missouri Supreme Court Holds That John McCann Must Pay Occupation Tax Lovied by City of St. Louis.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 14 .- The city authorities of St. Louis levied an occupation tax of \$100 against John McCann for conducting a real estate business. McCann is a single tax advocate and fought the payment of the tax, alleging that the ordinance was invalid because it violated the constitution of the state and of the United States and also the bill of rights by levying an occupation tax. It took private property for public use, he contended. The Missouri supreme court yesterday held that the license ordinance was a police regulation and the city had ample authority under the constitution and decisions for the court for enacting such legislation.

BRYAN IN CHICAGO.

He Consults Chairman Jooes in Regard to

Chicago, June 14.-Col. W. J. Bryan, with Mrs. Bryan and their children, arrived in Chicago Wedneday. The party left last night for Minocqua, Wis., where they will be the guests of Col. M. C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, at his summer home.

Among Col. Bryan's visitors were Mayor Harrison, Senator Jones, of Arkansas, national committeeman Johnson, of Kansas, and Charles A. Walsh, of lowa. It was said that the chief topic of conversation was the make-up of the platform for the coming campaign. At Minoequa Col. Bryan may meet Charles A. Towne, who is Col. Bryan's running mate on the populist ticket.

HIS WAY TO GET EVEN.

Because Pine Needles Hurt His Feet an Arizona Miner Set Fire to 50,000,-000 Feet of Lumber.

Tucson, Ariz., June 14.-Thomas Lewis, a miner, has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to the Catalina forests, where 50,000,000 feet of timber were destroyed. A miner who was with Lewis claims that Lewis became incensed because pine needles hurt his feet and set fire to them, causing the most disastrous forest fires ever known in the southwest.

CRASHED INTO STREET CAR.

A Santa Fo Freight Train Causes the Death of Three Persons and the Injury of Several Others.

Hutchinson, Kan., June 14 .- Three persons were killed and several badly burt here last night by a Santa Fe freight train backing into a loaded street car on the Main street crossing. The killed are: Mrs. J. S. Patton, Mrs. George Koon and Mrs. William Burtch. Among those who were badly injured are George Koon, Mrs. George White and Mrs. Dan Conkling.

A "Masher" Heavily Fined. Kansas City, Mo., June 14 .- Police Judge McAulcy put a prohibitive tariff on "mashing" in this city by assessing a fine of \$500 against George McLaughlin, charged with standing on street corners and making himself obnoxious to girls going and coming from work.

Grand Duke of Oldenburg Dead Oldenburg, June 14.—The gran duke of Oldenburg (Nicholas Frederick Peter) died Wednesday at his sum-mer residence at Rastede. He was born in 1827.

Labor Leader Mortaily Wounded. St. Louis, June 14.—During the course of a heated argument over the strike Sherman C. Patterson, president of the local street railway men's union, was stabbed in the back and mortelly wounded at a late hour last

potractors and Emp ayes Get Togot Chicago, June 14.—As a result pesterday's conference between but ing contractors and employee predicts are made of the resumption work in the building line within TAKES ISSUE WITH OTIS.

War Will Not End There fer Five Years. Washington, June 13.-An offices in the Philippines takes issue with Gen. Otis on his opinion that the war

is ended. He writes:

Gen. Otis on his opinion that the war is ended. He writes:

It won't be ended for the next five years at least, and Ged help the remnants that are left behind when the E regiments of volunteers go home next year. Unless the outlying towns are left unprotected and all the regulars are withdrawn to Manila or are concentrated in garrisons of one full regiment each there will be more than one garrison wiped out. The man who arms these natives at this time and teaches them to use their arms will commit as great a crime as the man who D years ago gave the Sloux Indians a bottle of whisky, a rifle and a belt of ammunition. If affairs have quieted down in the Philippines why is it that it is unsafe for one man or three men to go along any road five miles out of Manila? Why is it that small detachments of three or four men are prohibited from going alone over these roads and why does every officer go armed even in Manila itself? Why is it necessary to keep so many regiments in and about Manila, except that the authorities fear an uprising, expect one and freely admit it?

The newspapers speak about supplying the troops in the Philippines with fresh meat and say this is done regularly. It is—in Manila. This regiment has had no fresh meat since January, and there are no signs that we will get any before next January. We have some sick and wounded men in our hospital here who need ice. The hospital ships Relief and Missouri lie at anchor in Manila harbor with plenty of ice on board, and our people at home spend \$500,000 or more to fit out a hospital ship for the British, who are amply able to furnish their own ships, but American soldiers are dying here for want of just such conveniences.

The dread of the surgeons is typhold fever, because, having no ice, they cannot reduce the temperature of those who have nine cases. Most of these will probably die for want of ice.

ably die for want of ice.

TWO MORE CAPTURES.

Gen. MacArthur from Manila Notes Sur render of Filipino Leaders Active in Carrying on Guerrilia Warfare.

Washington, June 13.-Gen. Mac-Arthur Monday at Manila cabled the war department as follows: Reported capture Gens. Hizon, near Mexico, and Cavestany, at Alcala, both important. Latter very important leader of guerrillas in Pangasinan province.

Gen. Corbin attaches considerable importance to these captures. In his opinion they are more nearly in the nature of surrenders than captures, and indicate that the principal leaders of the insurrection are abandoning the cause and coming into Manila

to accept American supremacy. Gen. Grant, who led reinforcem with artillery against the insurgents in the mountains east of Samiguet, reports the capture of the rebel stronghold after four hours' fighting. The rebels were scattered and the Americans are pursuing them. Gen. Grant's column had no easualties.

GOV. DRAKE'S PHILANTHROPY

He Will Give Drake University at Des Moines \$500,000, Making a Total of \$700,000 from Him.

Des Moines, Ia., June 13.-Ex-Gov Drake, of Centerville, who is here attending the commencement exercises of the Drake university, announced that he had made the unireraity a joint heir with his five children in his will. His property is valued at \$3,000,000, and the university will receive \$500,000. Gov. Drake has already contributed \$200,000 in various benefactions to promote the institubenefactions to promote the institu-

tion.

Bryan to Go on a Fishing Trip. Lincoln, Neb., June 13.—William J. Bryan, with Mrs. Bryan and the children, left yesterday evening for Chi-cago. At that place Mr. Bryan was joined by Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, and Col. M. C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, and the three will go to Wisconsin on a fishing trip. Charles A. Towne is expected to join them in Wisconsin, but Mr. Bryan disclaims any knowledge of a conference on the vice presidency.

Thousands Going to Kans Topeka, Kan., June 13.-Every train west is packed with men going to the Kansas wheat belt to assist in the harvest. Two lines were so crowded with men who were beating their passage that the train crew was powerless to remove them and was compelled to carry the harvesters to their

Sapreme Lodge A. O. U. W. Sioux Falls, S. D., June 13 .- The twenty-eighth stated meeting of the supreme lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the eighth stated meeting of the superior lodge, Degree of Honor, are in session here There are 400 representatives present from all parts of the United States and Canada.

His Position Cannot be Misundersto Albany, N. Y., June 13.—Gov. Roosevelt reiterated his former state nent relative to accepting the vice residential nomination on the repub lican ticket, which he has absolutely declined. "I have nothing to add," said the governor, "to what I have al-ready said. My decision is irrevo-cable."

Congressman Lentz Defeated. Columbus, O., June 13.—The demo ratic state convention will meet here Wednesday. There was a sharp contest between Congressman Lentz and J.M. Kilbourne in this county for delegate-at-large. Both men live here, The delegates met Tuesday and indorsed Kilbourne.

Edward Everett Hale's Sister Dies. Boston, June 13.-Miss Lucretia Peabody Hale died yesterday in her eightieth year. She was the oldest surviving sister of Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale.

The Yegas Way. Delles, Tex., June 13 .- At Living stonia, Park county, Bruce Pounds and Douglas Hinston fought a duel to the death with pistols. The duel was the result of a quarrel. Eleven shots were exchanged and both men died in their tracks.

Vest Outley for the Mary. ngton, June 13.—The navy is ulid warships aggregating over

HE PROBABLY PASSED.

Singular Report of a Railway Applicant for Examination for Color Blindness.

In railroad circles a new story is going the rounds, says the Kansas City Star. The Burlington not long since issued an order requiring all its section foremen to report to an oculist on a certain day and have their eyes examined. One afternoon after those present had undergone the examination and the eye doctor was about to close up for the evening a measenger boy rushed in with a small package neatly tied up in tissue paper and which proved to be a glass eye. The following and evidently hurried scribbled note was attached:

"Quincy, Ill.—Oye inspector: Dear Sur: The day befoor yisterday, at nune, I got word to cume down and have me ise looked into for culur blind-ness as ye call it. I had forty-five ties and ten rales to put down beyont the sand cut, an as jerry Sullivan an Dominick Coolly hav bin indishposhed since the wake that was holded the ded corpus of Danny doherty, me hands wor tue short to spare me. Twas lucky that the rite oye that wus first in me hed were nocked out wid a pik, an me glass oye, that is a purfect figger uv the oye that was not put out, is sint to you for hexamination. I cud spare the glass oye better than the oye in me hed, an if she is culler blind Ill git me one what aint. Yours thruly, Mike Donohue."

AN UNEXPECTED RESULT.

It Was the Mother and Not the Daughter Who Accepted His Compliments.

"Say," said the man with a worried look,
"do you remember giving me a lot of ad
vice on how to conduct my own love affairs
about two months ago?"

"Yes," replied the man with the wise expression, relates the Baltimore American.

"Told me if I wanted to win the girl I
should make love to her mother?"

"Uh—huh."

"Said if I could get the old lady on my
side all I had to do was to toddle around
with a ring and say: "When?" to the girl."

The wise man nodded.

"Said for me to compliment the mother
on her youthful appearance," continued the
worried man, "and give her a jolly about
how sad I was that the young ladies of the
present were not to be compared with
those of the past?"

"Yes, Yes, You won the girl, I suppose?"

"Yes, I did—not. The old lady has sued
her husband for divorce and me for breach
of promise."

Sambo and the Freshman.

An American writer tells a good story of his college days. It relates to a negro gardener, a jolly fellow, with whom the boys used to have considerable sport. Sometimes he would floor them with his repartee.

One day in spring Sambo had been burning the college green in order to get rid of the old withered grass. A freshman came along, and, thinking to have some fun, shouted:

"Say, there, Sambo, you ought not to burn that stuff."

"Why?" inquired Sambo. that stuff."

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"Because," replied the freshman, "it'll make that grass as black as you are."

"Well, massa." retorted Sambo, "dat's all right. Yes, dat's all right. Never you fear; dat 'ere grass'll come up and be as green as you are!"—London Answers.

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